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Transportation, chaired by Senator Bromm, reports (LB) 973 to General File, (LB) 1171 to General File. Banking Committee, chaired by Senator Landis, reports (LB) 907, (LB) 1112, and (LB) 1164 as indefinitely postponed. Judiciary reports, chaired by Senator Brashear, reports (LB) 987, General File; (LB) 1224, General File; (LB) 1102, General File with amendments; LR 314, indefinitely postponed. And priority bill designations by the Executive Board, LR 25CA and LR 313CA. (See page 712 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we turn to General File, Senator Schmitt would like to recognize Dr. Bradley Hupp of Albion who is serving as the family Doctor of the Day today on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Hupp is here with his wife Michelle. They are both seated under the north balcony. Will you both stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. We now turn to General File and LB 1053.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 1053. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year; at that time referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Willhoft to open on the bill.

SENATOR WILLHOFT: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Now, if I seem a little nervous today this is the first bill that I've had an opportunity to introduce, and so if you'll bear with me, I'll try to get through this. LB 1053 will make changes to the statutes governing the Nebraska Rural Development Commission and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. First of all, LB 1053 would strike language that places the commission within the Department of Economic Development for administrative purposes. This means that currently the department handles administrative functions such as personnel, budget, office space, and support. Under LB 1053, the commission would handle those functions. LB 1053 adds language specifying that the chair and vice chair of the commission are to be elected every two years by a majority vote of the voting